CLAIMS

1. A method in a communication device (CD) for providing short-slot-cycle paging information to a base station (BS), the method comprising:

determining whether the BS is capable of short-slot-cycle paging; and indicating that the CD is also capable for short-slot-cycle paging if the BS is determined to be capable of short-slot-cycle paging.

- 2. The method of claim 1, further including setting a negative slot-cycle-index value for said short-slot-cycle paging.
- 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the negative slot-cycle-index value includes one of "-1," "-2," "-3," or "-4."
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said determining includes examining system parameter messages including extended system parameter messages (ESPM).
- 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said determining includes examining system parameter messages including ANSI-41 system parameter messages (A41SPM).
- 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said determining includes examining whether AUTO_MSG_SUPPORTED field is set to "1."
- 7. The method of claim 1, wherein said indicating includes setting WLL_INCL to "1" in one of registration message, origination message, or page response message.
- 8. The method of claim 7, further including setting a desired slot cycle duration in a SLOT-CYCLE-INDEX field.
- 9. The method of claim 7, further including setting a desired slot cycle duration in a WLL-DEVICE-TYPE field.

- 10. The method of claim 1, wherein said indicating includes setting a SLOT-CYCLE-INDEX with a most significant bit of "1" in one of registration message, origination message, or page response message.
- 11. A method in a base station (BS) for providing short-slot-cycle paging, the method comprising:

indicating to a communication device (CD) that the BS is capable of short-slot-cycle paging;

receiving information from the CD, indicating that the CD is also capable for short-slot-cycle paging; and

paging the CD based on the received information.

- 12. The method of claim 11, wherein said paging includes paging the CD based on a negative slot-cycle-index value.
- 13. The method of claim 11, wherein said indicating includes setting AUTO_MSG_SUPPORTED field to "1" in extended system parameter messages (ESPM).
- 14. The method of claim 11, wherein said indicating includes setting AUTO_MSG_SUPPORTED field to "1" in ANSI-41 system parameter messages (A41SPM).
- 15. The method of claim 11, wherein the information includes WLL_INCL field set "1" in one of registration message, origination message, or page response message.
- 16. The method of claim 15, wherein the information further includes a desired slot cycle duration in a SLOT-CYCLE-INDEX field.
- 17. The method of claim 15, wherein the information further includes a desired slot cycle duration in a WLL-DEVICE-TYPE field.

- 18. The method of claim 11, wherein the information includes a SLOT-CYCLE-INDEX with a most significant bit of "1" in one of registration message, origination message, or page response message.
- 19. A computer-readable medium storing codes for enabling a processor to perform a method for in a communication device (CD) for providing short-slot-cycle paging information to a base station (BS), the method comprising:

determining whether the BS is capable of short-slot-cycle paging; and indicating that the CD is also capable for short-slot-cycle paging if the BS is determined to be capable of short-slot-cycle paging.

- 20. The computer-readable medium of claim 19, the method further including setting a negative slot-cycle-index value for said short-slot-cycle paging.
- 21. The computer-readable medium of claim 20, wherein the negative slot-cycle-index value includes one of "-1," "-2," "-3," or "-4."
- 22. The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein said determining includes examining system parameter messages including extended system parameter messages (ESPM).
- 23. The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein said determining includes examining system parameter messages including ANSI-41 system parameter messages (A41SPM).
- 24. The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein said determining includes examining whether AUTO_MSG_SUPPORTED field is set to "1."
- 25. The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein said indicating includes setting WLL_INCL to "1" in one of registration message, origination message, or page response message.

- 26. The computer-readable medium of claim 25, the method further including setting a desired slot cycle duration in a SLOT-CYCLE-INDEX field.
- 27. The computer-readable medium of claim 25, the method further including setting a desired slot cycle duration in a WLL-DEVICE-TYPE field.
- 28. The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein said indicating includes setting a SLOT-CYCLE-INDEX with a most significant bit of "1" in one of registration message, origination message, or page response message.
- 29. A computer-readable medium in a base station (BS) for providing short-slot-cycle paging, the method comprising:

indicating to a communication device (CD) that the BS is capable of short-slot-cycle paging;

receiving information from the CD, indicating that the CD is also capable for short-slot-cycle paging; and

paging the CD based on the received information.

- 30. The computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein said paging includes paging the CD based on a negative slot-cycle-index value.
- 31. The computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein said indicating includes setting AUTO_MSG_SUPPORTED field to "1" in extended system parameter messages (ESPM).
- 32. The computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein said indicating includes setting AUTO_MSG_SUPPORTED field to "1" in ANSI-41 system parameter messages (A41SPM).
- 33. The computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the information includes WLL_INCL field set "1" in one of registration message, origination message, or page response message.

- 34. The computer-readable medium of claim 33, wherein the information further includes a desired slot cycle duration in a SLOT-CYCLE-INDEX field.
- 35. The computer-readable medium of claim 33, wherein the information further includes a desired slot cycle duration in a WLL-DEVICE-TYPE field.
- 36. The computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the information includes a SLOT-CYCLE-INDEX with a most significant bit of "1" in one of registration message, origination message, or page response message.
- 37. A communication device (CD) for providing short-slot-cycle paging information to a base station (BS), comprising:

means for determining whether the BS is capable of short-slot-cycle paging; and means for indicating that the CD is also capable for short-slot-cycle paging if the BS is determined to be capable of short-slot-cycle paging.

- 38. The CD of claim 37, further including means for setting a negative slot-cycle-index value for said short-slot-cycle paging.
- 39. The CD of claim 37, wherein the negative slot-cycle-index value includes one of "-1," "-2," "-3," or "-4."
- 40. The CD of claim 37, wherein said means for determining includes means for examining system parameter messages including extended system parameter messages (ESPM).
- 41. The CD of claim 37, wherein said means for determining includes means for examining system parameter messages including ANSI-41 system parameter messages (A41SPM).
- 42. The CD of claim 37, wherein said means for determining includes means for examining whether AUTO_MSG_SUPPORTED field is set to "1."

- 43. The CD of claim 37, wherein said means for indicating includes means for setting WLL_INCL to "1" in one of registration message, origination message, or page response message.
- 44. The CD of claim 43 further including means for setting a desired slot cycle duration in a SLOT-CYCLE-INDEX field.
- 45. The CD of claim 43, further including means for setting a desired slot cycle duration in a WLL-DEVICE-TYPE field.
- 46. The CD of claim 37, wherein said means for indicating includes means for setting a SLOT-CYCLE-INDEX with a most significant bit of "1" in one of registration message, origination message, or page response message.
- 47. A base station (BS) for providing short-slot-cycle paging, comprising: means for indicating to a communication device (CD) that the BS is capable of short-slot-cycle paging;

means for receiving information from the CD, indicating that the CD is also capable for short-slot-cycle paging; and

means for paging the CD based on the received information.

- 48. The BS of claim 47, wherein said means for paging includes means for paging the CD based on a negative slot-cycle-index value.
- 49. The BS of claim 47, wherein said means for indicating includes means for setting AUTO_MSG_SUPPORTED field to "1" in extended system parameter messages (ESPM).
- 50. The BS of claim 47, wherein said means for indicating includes means for setting AUTO_MSG_SUPPORTED field to "1" in ANSI-41 system parameter messages (A41SPM).

- 51. The BS of claim 47, wherein the information includes WLL_INCL field set "1" in one of registration message, origination message, or page response message.
- 52. The BS of claim 51, wherein the information further includes a desired slot cycle duration in a SLOT-CYCLE-INDEX field.
- 53. The BS of claim 51, wherein the information further includes a desired slot cycle duration in a WLL-DEVICE-TYPE field.
- 54. The BS of claim 47, wherein the information includes a SLOT-CYCLE-INDEX with a most significant bit of "1" in one of registration message, or page response message.
- 55. A communication device (CD) for providing short-slot-cycle paging information to a base station (BS), comprising:
 - a receiver capable of receiving information from a base station (BS);
 - a transmitter capable of transmitting information to the BS; and
- a processor capable of carrying out a method for providing short-slot-cycle paging information to a base station (BS), the method comprising:
 - determining whether the BS is capable of short-slot-cycle paging; and indicating that the CD is also capable for short-slot-cycle paging if the BS is determined to be capable of short-slot-cycle paging.
- 56. The CD of claim 55, the method further including setting a negative slot-cycle-index value for said short-slot-cycle paging.
- 57. The CD of claim 55, wherein the negative slot-cycle-index value includes one of "-1," "-2," "-3," or "-4."
- 58. The CD of claim 55, wherein said determining includes examining system parameter messages including extended system parameter messages (ESPM).

- 59. The CD of claim 55, wherein said determining includes examining system parameter messages including ANSI-41 system parameter messages (A41SPM).
- 60. The CD of claim 55, wherein said determining includes examining whether AUTO_MSG_SUPPORTED field is set to "1."
- 61. The CD of claim 55, wherein said indicating includes setting WLL_INCL to "1" in one of registration message, origination message, or page response message.
- 62. The CD of claim 61, the method further including setting a desired slot cycle duration in a SLOT-CYCLE-INDEX field.
- 63. The CD of claim 61, the method further including setting a desired slot cycle duration in a WLL-DEVICE-TYPE field.
- 64. The CD of claim 55, wherein said indicating includes setting a SLOT-CYCLE-INDEX with a most significant bit of "1" in one of registration message, origination message, or page response message.
 - 65. A base station (BS) for providing short-slot-cycle paging, comprising: a receiver capable of receiving information from a communication device (CD); a transmitter capable of transmitting information to the CD; and
- a processor capable of carrying out a method for providing short-slot-cycle paging, the method comprising:

indicating to the CD that the BS is capable of short-slot-cycle paging; receiving information from the CD, indicating that the CD is also capable for short-slot-cycle paging; and paging the CD based on the received information.

66. The BS claim 65, wherein said paging includes paging the CD based on a negative slot-cycle-index value.

- 67. The BS of claim 65, wherein said indicating includes setting AUTO_MSG_SUPPORTED field to "1" in extended system parameter messages (ESPM).
- 68. The BS of claim 65, wherein said indicating includes setting AUTO_MSG_SUPPORTED field to "1" in ANSI-41 system parameter messages (A41SPM).
- 69. The BS of claim 65, wherein the information includes WLL_INCL field set "1" in one of registration message, origination message, or page response message.
- 70. The BS of claim 69, wherein the information further includes a desired slot cycle duration in a SLOT-CYCLE-INDEX field.
- 71. The BS of claim 69, wherein the information further includes a desired slot cycle duration in a WLL-DEVICE-TYPE field.
- 72. The BS of claim 65, wherein the information includes a SLOT-CYCLE-INDEX with a most significant bit of "1" in one of registration message, or page response message.